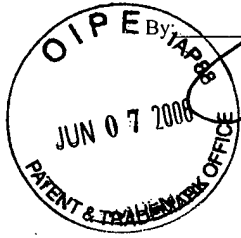


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As a precautionary measure, applicants request an extension of time, if needed and if not separately attached hereto, and authorize the Commissioner to charge the fee therefor to our deposit account in accordance with our standing authorization for such charges.

In response to the Final Rejection dated March 9, 2006, please enter the following amendments and remarks:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 6 of this paper.